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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

and

FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT of CONSERVATION and NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION of WATER RESOURCES

Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with Federal, State and private organizations listed on the last page of this report.

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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1400 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. In the near future, it is anticipated that automatic snow water equivalent sensing devices along with radio telemetry will provide a continuous record of snow water equivalent at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Western Regional Technical Service Center, Room 209, 701 N. W. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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Water Supply Outlook reports prepared by other agencies include a report for California by the Water Supply Forecast and Snow Surveys Unit, California Department of Water Resources, P. O. Box 388, Sacramento, California 95802 --- and for British Columbia by the Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Parliament Building, Victoria, British Columbia



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ALPHABETICAL INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

This alphabetical tabulation of snow courses has been prepared to provide readers with rapid access to basic snow survey data. The reader is referred to the "Index to Nevada Snow Courses by basins" and "Nevada Snow Courses" map on the next page for other detailed information such as location, elevation, basin and sub-basin, state and numbering system legend.

SNOW COURSE	NO.	PLATE	SNOW COURSE	NO.	PLATE
American Beauty	15J17a	7, 10	Lamoille #3	15J16M	7, 10
Baker #1	14L1	6	Lamoille #4	15J7	7, 10
Baker #2	14L2	6	Lamoille #5	15J8	7, 10
Baker #3	14L3	6	Lapon Meadow	18L1	4
Bald Mountain	19H1	12	Laurel Draw	16H5	9
Barber Creek	20H5	12	Leavitt Meadows	19L8	4
Bear Creek	15H1MA	9			
Berry Creek	14K2	6	Lee Canyon #2	15N3	5
Big Bend	15H4MP	9, 10	Lee Canyon #3	15N8	5
Big Creek Campground	17K1	5	Little Bally Mtn.	19H4a	12
Big Creek Mine	17K2	5	Little Valley	19K3	1
Big Creek, Upper	17K3	5	Loddell Lake	19L17a	4
Bird Creek	14K1	6	Louse Canyon	17G4a	11
Blue Lakes	19L5	2, 3	Lower Corral	17L1	5
Boca #2	20K14	1, 3			
Brockway Summit	20K22	1	Marlette Lake	19K4M5TZ	1, 2
Buckeye Forks	19L11	4	Martin Creek	17H3	11
Buckeye Roughs	19L10	4	Mathew Canyon	14M1	5
Buckskin, Lower	17H2	10, 11	Merritt Mtn.	15H20	9
Buckskin, Upper	17H1	10, 11	Midas	16H3AP	9, 10
			Montgomery Pass	18M1	5
Campito Mountain	18M2	5	Mt. Grant	18L2	4
Carson Pass, Upper	19L4	2, 3	Mt. Rose	19K2	1
Cave Creek	15J13	7, 10	Murray Summit	14K3	6
Cedar Pass	20H6	12			
Center Mountain	19L12A	4	Oregon Canyon	17G5a	11
Chiatovich Flat	18M5	5			
Clark Canyon	15N2	5	Pinchot Creek	18M3a	5
Clear Creek	19K5	2, 3	Pine Canyon	14M2	5
Columbia Basin	16H6a	9	Piute Pass	18M4a	5
Corral Canyon	15J12A	7, 10	Poison Flat	19L6A	2, 3
			Pole Canyon	15J18a	8, 10
Daggetts Pass	19L14	1, 2, 3	Pole Creek R. 5.	15H14	8
Denio Creek	18G6a	11			
Disaster Peak	18H1	11	Quinn Ridge	17H6a	11
Dismal Swamp	20H3a	12			
Donner Park #2	20K21	1	Rainbow Canyon #2	15N7	5
Donner Summit	20K10	1, 3	Red Point	15H18a	8
Dorsey Basin	15J1MP	7, 10	Reservation Creek	20H4	12
Dry Creek	15J3	7, 10	Richardsons #2	20L3	1
			Robinson Lake	15J16a	7, 10
Eagle Peak	20H7	12	Robinson Summit	15K1	6
Ebbetts Pass	19L19a	2	Rodeo Flat	15H6MP	9, 10
Echo Summit	20L5	1, 2, 3	Rubicon #1	20L1	1
			Rubicon #2	20L2	1
Fawn Creek	16H8a	9, 10	Ryan Ranch	15J2	7, 10
Fordyce Lake	20K7	1, 3			
49-Mtn.	19H3	12	Sage Hen Creek	20K6	1, 3
Fox Creek	15H2	9	76 Creek	15H3A	9, 10
Freel Bench	19L2	1	Silver Creek #2	14K7	6
Fry Canyon	15H7	10	Sonora Pass	19L7M	2, 3, 4
Furnace Flat	20K8	1, 3	Sonora Pass Snowpillow	19L23stz	2, 3, 4
			Squaw Valley #2	20K19	1
Glenbrook #2	19K6	1, 2	Stag Mtn.	15H19a	9, 10
Goat Creek	15H13	8			
Golconda #2	17J2	10	Tahoe City	20K16	1, 3
Gold Creek	15H5	9, 10	Taylor Canyon	15H9MP	9, 10
Granite Peak	17H4	11	Tioga Pass	19M1	4
Green Mountain	15J9MP	7, 10	Toe Jam	16H7a	9
			Tremewan Ranch	15H8	9, 10
Hagens Meadow	19L3M5Z	1, 3	Trough Springs	15N1	5
Hager Canyon	15J14	6, 7, 10	Trout Creek	18G5a	11
Harrison Pass #1	15J10	7, 10	Trout Creek, Lower	15H10P	7, 10
Harrison Pass #2	15J11	7, 10	Trout Creek, Upper	15H11A	7, 10
Hays Canyon	19H2	12	Truckee #2	20K13M	1
Hole-In-Mountain	15J15	7, 10			
Hummingbird Springs	15H15A	8	Upper Corral	17L2	5
			Upper Fish Valley	19L16a	2
Independence Camp	20K4MPSTZ	1, 3	Upper Truckee	19L1	1
Independence Creek	20K3	1			
Independence Lake	20K5	1	Virginia Lakes	19L13M	4
			Virginia Lakes Snowpillow	19L22sz	4
Jack Creek, Lower	16H1M	9			
Jack Creek, Upper	16H2A	9	Ward Creek	20K17M	1, 3
Jacks Peak	16H4	9	Ward Creek #2	20K25STZ	1, 3
			Ward Mountain #2	14K5	6
Kalamazoo Creek	14K8	6	Webber Lake	20K2	1
Kyle Canyon	15N5	5	Webber Peak	20K1	1
			Wet Meadows Lake	19L18a	2
Lake Lucille	20L4	1	White River #1	15L1	6
Lamance Creek	17H5	10, 11	Willow Flat	19L9	4
Lamoille #1	15J4	7, 10	Wolf Creek	19L20a	2
Lamoille #2	15J5	7, 10			

INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

(By Basins)

NUMBER	NAME	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	ELEV.
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SLAKE RIVER BASIN

SLAKE RIVER

15H1MA	BEAR CREEK	31	46N	58E	7800
15H2	FOX CREEK	33	46N	58E	6800
15H13	GOAT CREEK	31	46N	60E	8800
15H15A	HUMMINGBIRD SPRINGS	6	45N	60E	8945
14H1	JACKS CREEK	6	42N	62E	7000
15H20a	MERRITT MOUNTAIN	10	46N	54E	7000
15H14	POLE CREEK RANGER STATION	13	46N	59E	8330
15H18a	RED POINT	15	47N	61E	7940
15H3A	76 CREEK	6	44N	58E	7100
15H19a	STAG MTN.	29	41N	58E	7800

OWYHEE RIVER

15H4MP	BIG BEND	30	45N	56E	6700
16H6a	COLUMBIA BASIN	31	44N	53E	6650
16H8a	FAWN CREEK	2	45N	52E	7000
15H5	GOLD CREEK	32	45N	56E	6600
16H1M	JACK CREEK, LOWER	18	42N	53E	6800
16H2A	JACK CREEK, UPPER	9	42N	53E	7250
16H4	JACKS PEAK	28	42N	53E	8420
16H5	LAUREL CANYON	20	45N	53E	6700
17G4a	LOUSE CANYON (OREG.)	27	40S	44E	6440
15H9MP	TAYLOR CANYON	35	39N	53E	6200

INTERIOR

UPPER HUMBOLOT RIVER

15J17a	AMERICAN BEAUTY	32	31N	58E	7800
16H6a	COLUMBIA BASIN	31	44N	53E	6650
15J12A	CORRAL CANYON	27	28N	57E	8500
15J1MP	DOORSEY BASIN	28	35N	60E	8100
15J3	ORY CREEK	5	34N	60E	6500
15H7	FRY CANYON	31	43N	46E	6700
15J9MP	GREEN MOUNTAIN	23	29N	57E	8000
15J10	HARRISON PASS #1	9	28N	57E	6600
15J11	HARRISON PASS #2	16	28N	57E	7400
15J4	LAMOILLE #1	15	32N	58E	7100
15J5	LAMOILLE #2	14	32N	58E	7300
15J6M	LAMOILLE #3	24	32N	58E	7700
15J7	LAMOILLE #4	19	32N	59E	8000
15J8P	LAMOILLE #5	31	32N	59E	8700
15J18a	POLE CANYON	31	35N	61E	9140
15J16a	ROBINSON LAKE	23	33N	59E	9200
15H6MP	ROOGE FLAT	36	43N	53E	6800
15J2	RYAN RANCH	1	34N	59E	5800
15H8	TREMEWAN RANCH	9	39N	55E	5700
15H10P	TROUT CREEK, LOWER	28	37N	61E	6900
15H11A	TROUT CREEK, UPPER	4	36N	61E	8500

LOWER HUMBOLOT RIVER

17K1	BIG CREEK CAMP GROUND	10	17N	43E	6600
17K2	BIG CREEK MINE	23	17N	43E	7600
17K3	BIG CREEK, UPPER	26	17N	43E	8000
17H2	BUCKSKIN, LOWER	25	45N	39E	6700
17H1	BUCKSKIN, UPPER	11	45N	39E	8200
17J2	GOLCONOA #2	22	35N	39E	6000
17H4	GRANITE PEAK	22	44N	39E	7800
17H5	LAMANCE CREEK	13	42N	38E	6000
17L1	LOWER CORRAL	12	11N	40E	7500
17H3	MARTIN CREEK	18	44N	40E	6700
16H3AP	MIDAS	18	39N	46E	7200
16H7	TOE JAM #2	29	40N	55E	7700
17L2	UPPER CORRAL	20	11N	41E	8500

EASTERN NEVADA

14L1	BAKER #1	29	13N	69E	7950
14L2	BAKER #2	30	13N	69E	8950
14L3	BAKER #3	25	13N	68E	9250
14K2	BERRY CREEK	23	17N	65E	9100
14K1	BIRD CREEK	34	19N	65E	7500
15J13	CAVE CREEK	25	27N	57E	7500
15J14	HAGER CANYON	34	27N	57E	8000
15J15	HOLE-IN-MTN	6	35N	61E	7900
14K8	KALAMAZOO CREEK	34	20N	65E	7400
14K3	MURRAY SUMMIT	26	16N	62E	7250
15K1	ROBINSON SUMMIT	23	18N	61E	7600
14K7	SILVER CREEK #2	30	16N	69E	8000
14K5	WARO MOUNTAIN #2	25	15N	62E	7875
15L1	WHITE RIVER #1	31	13N	59E	7400

CENTRAL GREAT BASIN

18M2	CAMPITO MTN (CAL.)	19	55	35E	10200
18M5a	CHIATOVICH FLAT	32	25	34E	10500
15N2	CLARK CANYON	8	19S	56E	9000
18M1	MONTGOMERY PASS	4	1N	33E	7100
18M3a	PINCHOT CREEK	28	1N	33E	9300
18M4a	PIUTE PASS (CAL.)	33	45	33E	11700
15N1	TROUGH SPRINGS	23	18S	55E	8500

NORTHERN GREAT BASIN

19H1	BALO MOUNTAIN	17	45N	21E	6720
20H5	BARBER CREEK (CAL.)	23	39N	16E	6500
20H6	CEAR PASS (CAL.)	12	43N	14E	7100
18G6a	OENIO CREEK (OREG.)	14	41S	34E	6000
18H1	OISASTER PEAK	8	47N	34E	6500
20H3a	OISMAL SWAMP (CAL.)	31	48N	22E	7000
20H7	EAGLE PEAK (CAL.)	35	40N	15E	7200
19H3	49-MTN	7	42N	19E	7000
19H2	HAYS CANYON	1	39N	18E	6400
19H4a	LITTLE BALLY MTN	8	45N	19E	6000
17G5a	OREGON CANYON (OREG.)	9	40S	40E	7240
17H6a	QUINN RIGGE	9	47N	41E	6300
20H4	RESERVATION CREEK (CAL.)	12	46N	15E	5900
18G5a	TROUT CREEK (OREG.)	10	41S	38E	7800

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LAKE TAHOE

19L14	OAGGETTS PASS	19	13N	19E	7350
20L5	ECHO SUMMIT (CAL.)	6	11N	18E	7450
19L2	FREEL BENCH (CAL.)	36	12N	18E	7300
19K6	GLENBROOK #2	13	14N	18E	6900
19L3M5Z	HAGANS MEADOW (CAL.)	36	12N	18E	8000
20L4	LAKE LUCILLE (CAL.)	28	12N	17E	8200
19K4M5TZ	MARLETTE LAKE	18	15N	19E	8000
20L3	RICHAROSONS #2 (CAL.)	6	12N	18E	6500
20L1	RUBICON #1 (CAL.)	6	13N	17E	8100
20L2	RUBICON #2 (CAL.)	6	13N	17E	7500
20K16	TAHOE CITY (CAL.)	6	15N	17E	6250
19L1	UPPER TRUCKEE (CAL.)	21	12N	18E	6400
20K17M	WARO CREEK (CAL.)	21	15N	16E	7000
20K255TZ	WARO CREEK #2 (CAL.)	21	15N	16E	6750

TRUCKEE RIVER

20K14	BOCA #2 (CAL.)	28	18N	17E	5900
20K22	BROCKWAY SUMMIT (CAL.)	3	17N	16E	7100
20K21	DOONER PARK #2 (CAL.)	18	17N	16E	6000
20K10*	DOONER SUMMIT (CAL.)	25	17N	14E	6900
20K7*	FOROYCE LAKE (CAL.)	34	18N	13E	6500
20K8	FURNACE FLAT (CAL.)	10	17N	13E	6700
20K4MP	INDEPENDENCE CAMP (CAL.)	34	19N	15E	7000
20K3	INDEPENDENCE CREEK (CAL.)	14	19N	15E	6500
20K5	INDEPENDENCE LAKE (CAL.)	9	18N	15E	8450
19K3	LITTLE VALLEY	17	16N	19E	6300
19K2	MT. ROSE	7	17N	19E	9000
20K6	SAGE HEN CREEK (CAL.)	7	18N	16E	6500
20K19	SOUAV VALLEY #2 (CAL.)	6	15N	16E	7500
20K13M	TRUCKEE #2 (CAL.)	22	17N	16E	6400
20K2	WEBBER LAKE (CAL.)	29	19N	14E	7000
20K1*	WEBBER PEAK (CAL.)	30	19N	14E	8000

CARSON RIVER

19L5	BLUE LAKES (CAL.)	30	9N	19E	8000
19L4	CARSON PASS, UPPER (CAL.)	22	10N	18E	8600
19K5	CLEAR CREEK	6	14N	19E	7300
19L19a	EBBETS PASS (CAL.)	17	8N	20E	8700
19L6A	POISON FLAT (CAL.)	25	8N	21E	7900
19L16a	UPPER FISH VALLEY (CAL.)	18	7N	22E	8050
19L20a	WOLF CREEK (CAL.)	35	8N	20E	8000
19L18a	WET MEADOWS LAKE (CAL.)	26	9N	19E	8100

WALKER RIVER

19L11	BUCKEYE FORKS (CAL.)	20	4N	23E	8500
19L10	BUCKEYE ROUGHS (CAL.)	15	4N	23E	7900
19L12A	CENTER MOUNTAIN (CAL.)	4	3N	23E	9400
18L1	LAPON MEADOW	36	8N	28E	9000
19L8	LEAVITT MEADOWS (CAL.)	4	5N	22E	7200
19L17a	LOBLOLL LAKE (CAL.)	20	7N	24E	9200
18L2	MT. GRANT	23	8N	28E	9000
19L7M	SONORA PASS (CAL.)	1	5N	21E	8800
19L23 stz	SONORA PASS BRIDGE	6	5N	22E	8800
19M1*	TIOGA PASS (CAL.)	30	1N	25E	9800
19L13M	VIRGINIA LAKES (CAL.)	5	2N	25E	9500
19L9	WILLOW FLAT (CAL.)	21	5N	23E	8250
19L22 stz	VIRGINIA LAKES RIGGE	32	3N	25E	9200

COLORADO

LOWER COLORADO RIVER

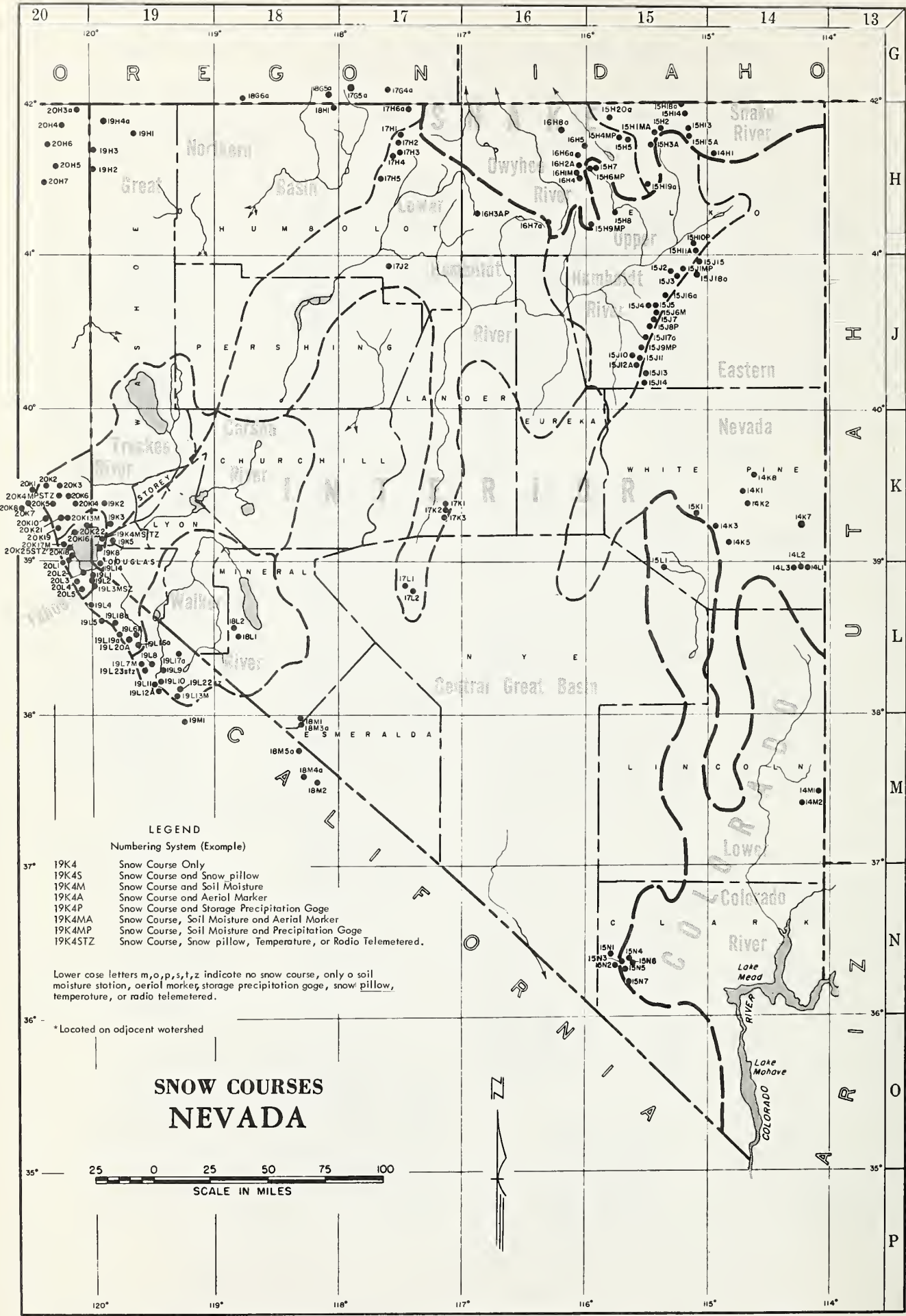
15N5	KYLE CANYON	27	19S	56E	8200
15N4	LEE CANYON #1	10	19S	56E	8400
15N3	LEE CANYON #2	9	19S	56E	9200
15N8	LEE CANYON #3	10	19S	56E	8500
14M1	MATHEW CANYON	10	6S	70E	6000
14M2	PINE CANYON	23	6S	69E	6200
15N7	RAINBOW CANYON #2	6	20S	57E	8100

LEGEND NUMBERING SYSTEM (EXAMPLE)

19K4	SNOW COURSE ONLY
19K45	SNOW COURSE AND SNOW PILLOW
19K4M	SNOW COURSE AND SOIL MOISTURE
19K4A	SNOW COURSE AND AERIAL MARKER
19K4M4	SNOW COURSE AND STORAGE PRECIPITATION GAGE
19K4MP	SNOW COURSE, SOIL MOISTURE AND AERIAL MARKER
19K4MP	SNOW COURSE, SOIL MOISTURE AND PRECIPITATION GAGE
19K45TZ	SNOW COURSE, SNOW PILLOW AND TEMPERATURE RADIO TELEMETERO.

LOWER CASE LETTERS m, a, p, s, t, z, INDICATE NO SNOW COURSE, ONLY A SOIL MOISTURE STATION, AERIAL MARKER, STORAGE PRECIPITATION GAGE, SNOW PILLOW, TEMPERATURE, OR RADIO TELEMETERO.

* LOCATED ON ADJACENT WATERSHED



LEGEND
Numbering System (Example)

- 19K4 Snow Course Only
- 19K4S Snow Course and Snow pillow
- 19K4M Snow Course and Soil Moisture
- 19K4A Snow Course and Aerial Marker
- 19K4P Snow Course and Storage Precipitation Gage
- 19K4MA Snow Course, Soil Moisture and Aerial Marker
- 19K4MP Snow Course, Soil Moisture and Precipitation Gage
- 19K4STZ Snow Course, Snow pillow, Temperature, or Radio Telemetered.

Lower case letters m, o, p, s, t, z indicate no snow course, only a soil moisture station, aerial marker, storage precipitation gage, snow pillow, temperature, or radio telemetered.

* Located on adjacent watershed

SNOW COURSES
NEVADA



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

FOR NEVADA

MARCH 1, 1969

NEVADA'S 1969 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT. APRIL THROUGH JULY STREAMFLOW IS PREDICTED TO RANK AMONG THE HIGHEST OF RECORD FOR STREAMS ORIGINATING ON THE EAST SLOPE OF THE SIERRA NEVADA. SUMMER FLOWS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE STATE WILL BE MUCH ABOVE NORMAL ALSO. SNOW-STORED WATER IS MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND MEASUREMENTS ON MANY SNOW COURSES IN THE SIERRA ARE HIGHER THAN ANY PREVIOUS DATE. WATERSHED SOILS ARE WELL PRIMED, AND MANY RESERVOIRS ARE BEING DRAWN DOWN TO CREATE A CUSHION FOR THE EXPECTED HIGH SUMMER STREAMFLOW.

The pattern set during January for extremely heavy snowfall persisted through February. Snowfall during February contributed about 150 percent of the amount normally expected for the month. This, added to the previous pack, has left many snow courses at an all-time record high.

March 1 snow pack ranged from a phenomenal 643 percent of average in the Spring Mountains above Las Vegas to a much-above-average 140 percent in the Ruby Mountains near Elko. The Sierra Nevada snow pack varies from 230 percent in the north to 250 percent in the south. Many individual courses in the Sierra are above 300 percent of normal for this date. Numerous courses in the Sierra Nevada, Springs Mountains, and Lower Humboldt area have more snow than ever before recorded. This is especially noteworthy in that April 1 is considered to be the date of maximum snow buildup, and many courses have already broken the all-time record set in April 1952.

Watershed soils are well primed throughout most of the state. Valley and lower-elevation soils are also wet and, in some cases, covered with a blanket of snow. This condition indicates that streams will begin to flow earlier than normal this year.

Nevada's major reservoirs contain 120 percent of average carryover storage for this date. Two-thirds of the 922,000 acre-feet held in these reservoirs is in Lake Tahoe, however. Many reservoirs have been releasing stored water during the month in anticipation of the snow-melt water this season.

Streamflow forecasts for the April-July period are much above normal for the entire state. Small streams fed by low-elevation snow will have abundant early flows this season. Generally, streamflow is expected to start early with the melt of the low-elevation snow and then continue with higher-than-normal flows into early August.

In summary, this winter has been extremely wet, and it is already one of the biggest snow years on record. This situation poses a threat of spring high water. Weather conditions from now through June will be a major factor in determining the extent of high water realized.

NEVADA STREAMFLOW FORECASTS - MARCH 1969

The following summarized runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snow cover and the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts.

BASIN and Forecast Stream	April-July Streamflow, Thousands Acre-Feet				
	Forecast 1969	15 Yr. Average 1953-67	1969 as % of 15-Yr. Av.	Measured Runoff 1968	1967
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>					
Little Truckee River above Boca California ²	175	81	216 (184)	44	175
Truckee River at Farad, Calif. ^{1,2}	573	258	222 (205)	155	550
Lake Tahoe Rise in Feet (From April 1, assuming gates closed) ²	3.00	1.39	216 (200)	0.61	2.70
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>					
East Carson near Gardnerville, Nev.	375	175	214	120	307
West Carson at Woodfords, Calif.	110	51	216	38	78
Carson River near Carson City, Nev.	440	166	265	90	351
Carson River at Ft. Churchill, Nev.	440	150	293	75	326
East Carson near Gardnerville, Nev. (Date of 200 c.f.s. flow)	8/24	7/23	--	7/3	8/31
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>					
East Walker near Bridgeport, Calif. ¹ (April-August streamflow)	175	60	291	23	140
West Walker below East Fork near Coleville, California	290	143	203	96	237
<u>COLORADO RIVER</u>					
Virgin River at Virgin, Utah ³ (April-June streamflow)	124	38	326	51	51

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NEVADA STREAMFLOW FORECASTS - MARCH 1, 1969 (Continued)

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<u>HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>					
Lamoille Creek near Lamoille, Nev.	35	25	140	27	31
So. Fork Humboldt near Elko, Nev.	115	58	198	41	75
Marys River above Hot Springs, Nev.	52	28	186	13	27
N. Fork Humboldt at Devils Gate, Nev.	50	26	192	4	27
Humboldt River at Palisade, Nev.	320	154	211	81	200
Humboldt River at Comus, Nev.	230	110	209	54	134
Martin Creek near Paradise, Nev.	32	14	228	5	22
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>					
Owyhee River near Owyhee, Nev. ¹	124	60	206	14	56
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, Nev. ¹	32	16	200	2	12
Salmon Falls Creek near San Jacinto, Nevada (March-July streamflow) ⁴	105	67	158	--	67
<u>SURPRISE VALLEY</u>					
Bidwell Creek near Ft. Bidwell, Calif. ⁵	19.0	11.5	165	4.0	15.0
Mill Creek near Cedarville, Calif. ⁵	6.6	4.7	140	1.9	5.3
Deep Creek near Cedarville, Calif. ⁵	5.0	3.3	152	1.1	2.3
Eagle Creek near Eagleville, Calif. ⁵	6.9	4.3	160	2.4	3.6

1. Corrected for reservoir storage above station.

2. Forecast issued by Truckee Basin Water Committee.

3. Forecast issued by SCS, Salt Lake City, Utah.

4. Forecast issued by SCS, Boise, Idaho.

5. Forecast coordinated between SCS and California Department of Water Resources.

* Numbers in parentheses are forecast as percent of long-term average.

STATUS OF NEVADA RESERVOIR STORAGE

MARCH 1, 1969

BASIN and Stream	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY (1000 AF)	USABLE STORAGE - 1000 ACRE-FEET			
			1969	1968	1967	March 1 15-Yr. Av. 1953-67
Owyhee	Wild Horse	*	2	6	3	15
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	179	42	60	73	74
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,663	1,637	1,662	1,697
Colorado	Mead	27,217	15,464	14,614	15,617	16,416
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	630	610	444	412
Truckee	Boca	41	0	4	2	6
Truckee	Prosser **	30	9	9	9	Storage began 1/30/63
Carson	Lahontan	286	202	246	208	191
West Walker	Topaz	59	28	58	34	39
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	18	41	28	31

* Reservoir under construction; usable capacity held to 17,000 acre-feet.

** Flood control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10.

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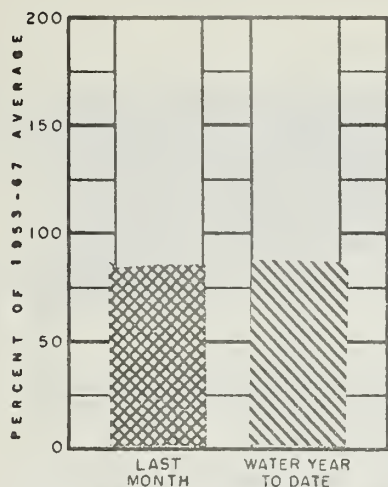
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MONTH	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	AVERAGE 1953-67
October 1	702	497	1135	559	965	649	656
January 1	748	789	1114	593	904	694	660
February 1	776	922	1051	736	939	881	715
March 1	774	949	1035	792	1025	922	768
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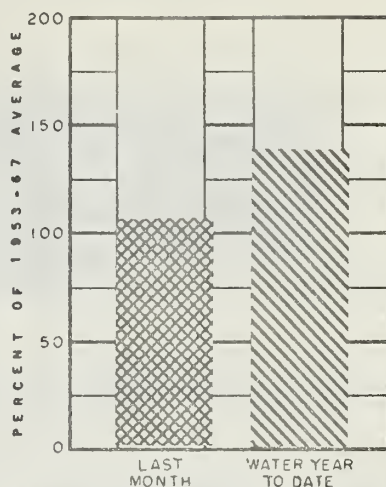
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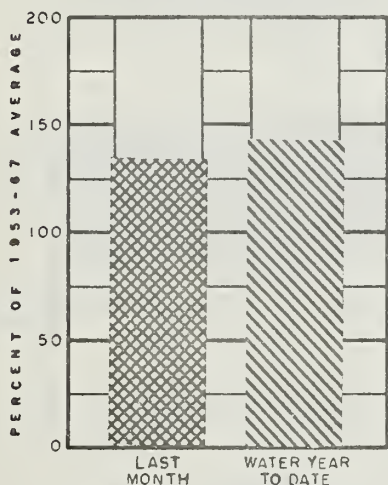
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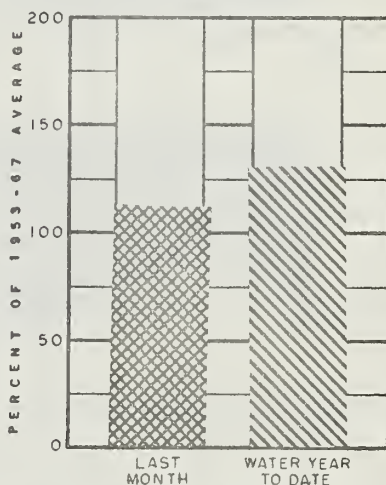
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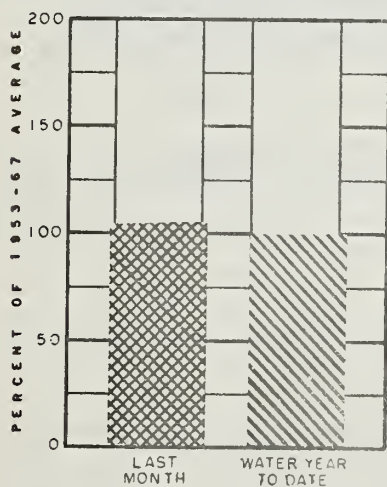
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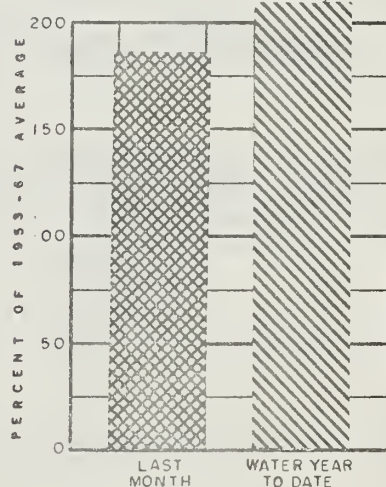
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Carson near Carson City, Nev.
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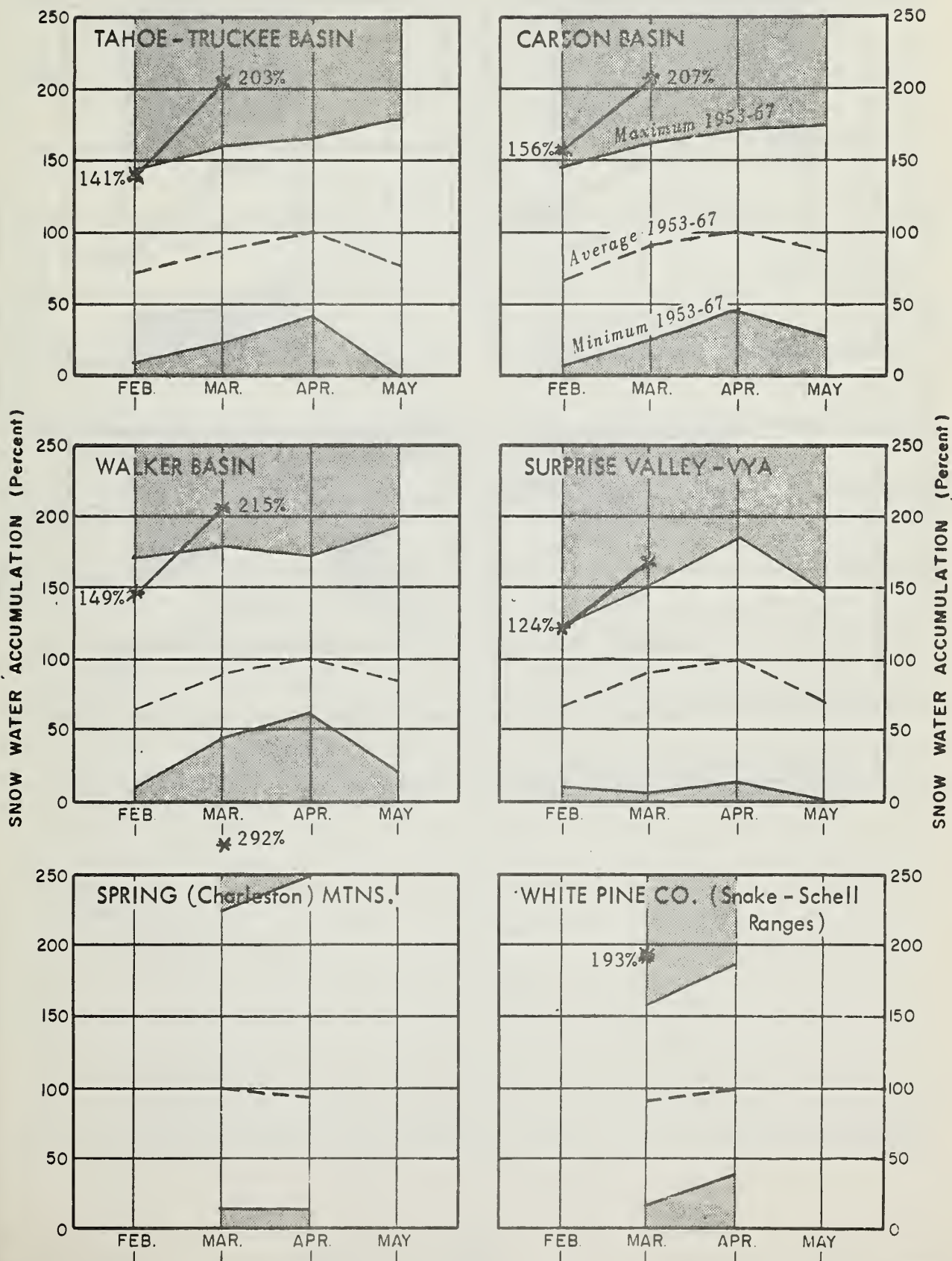


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SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION IN NEVADA

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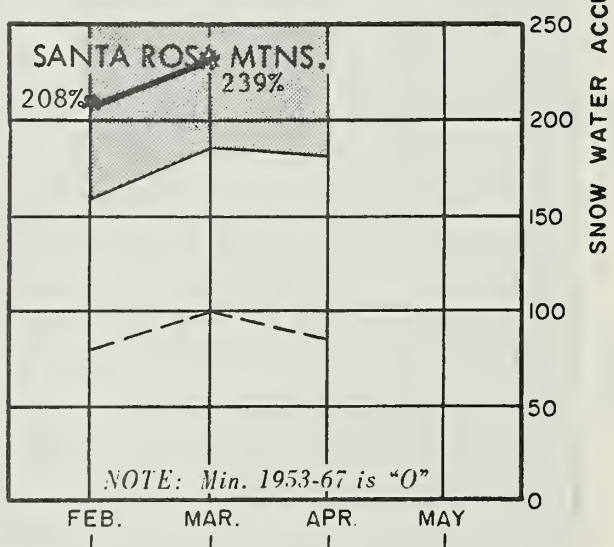
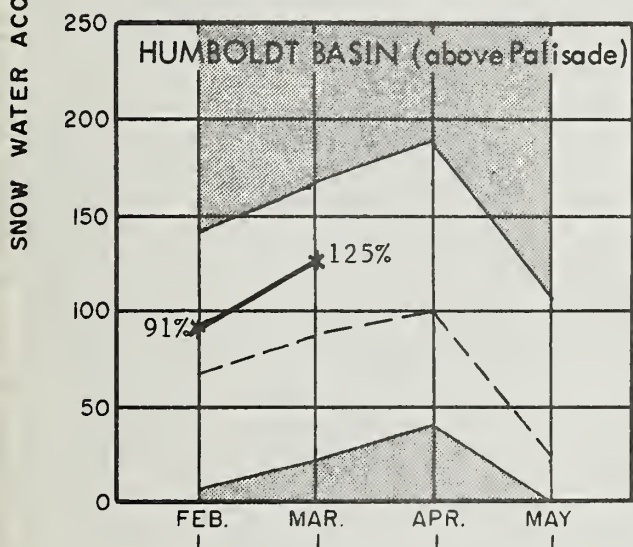
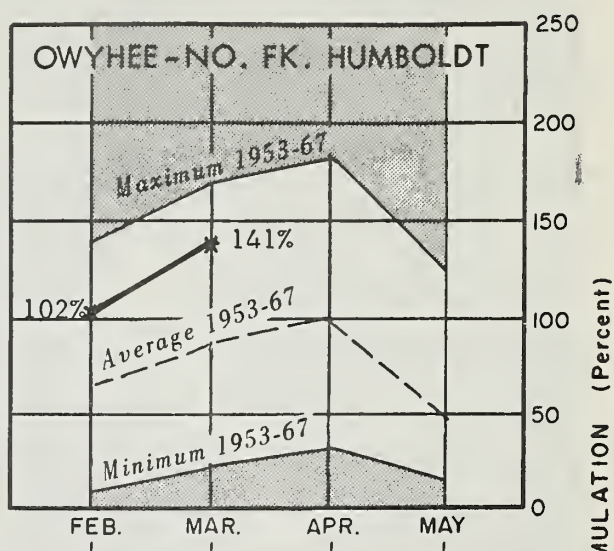
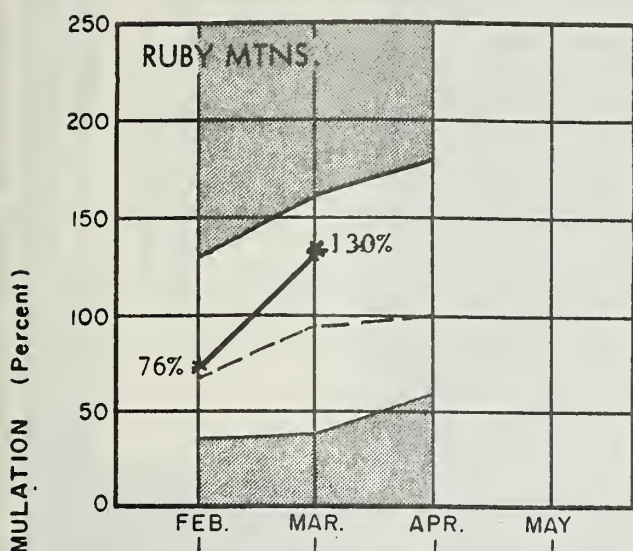
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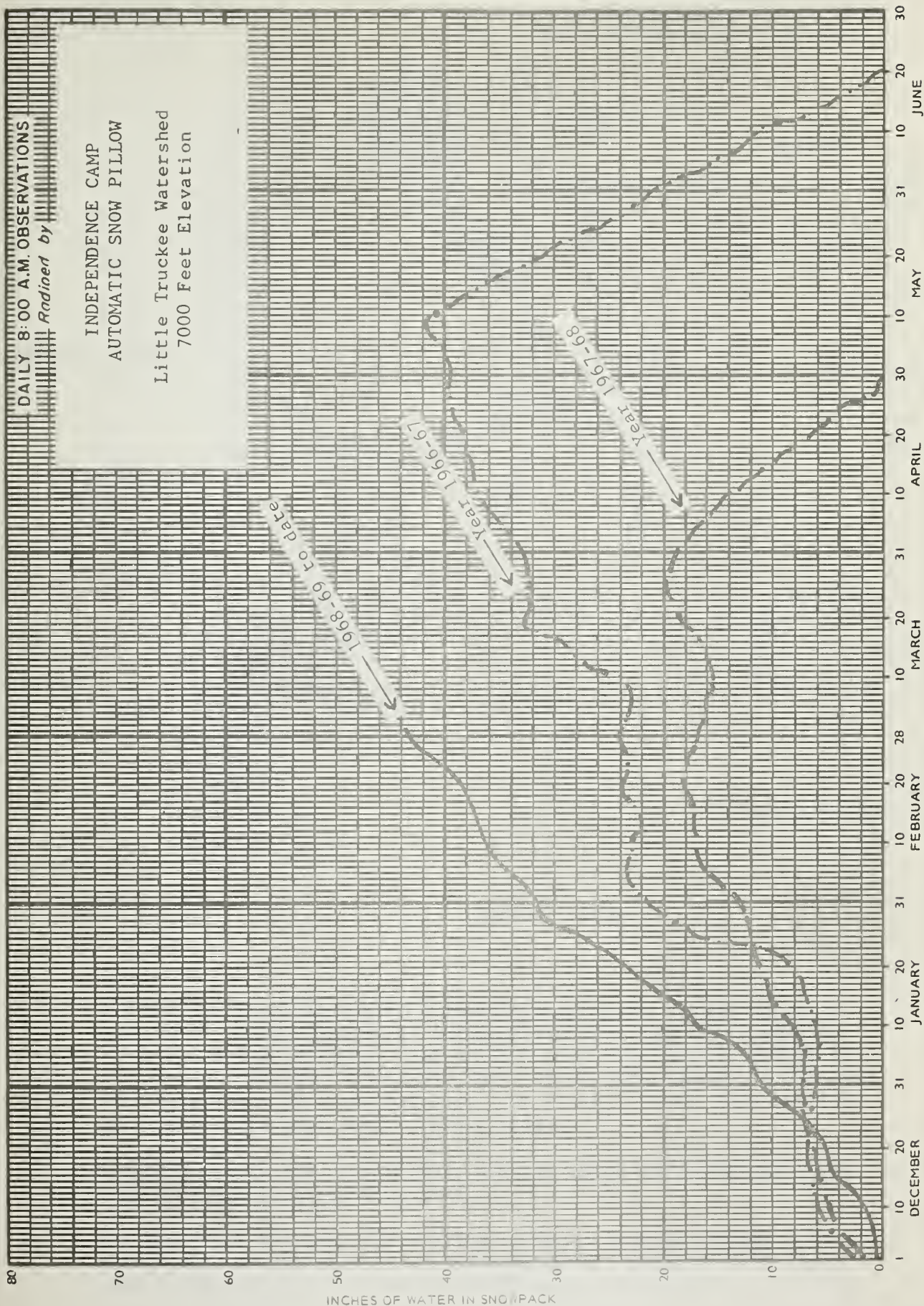


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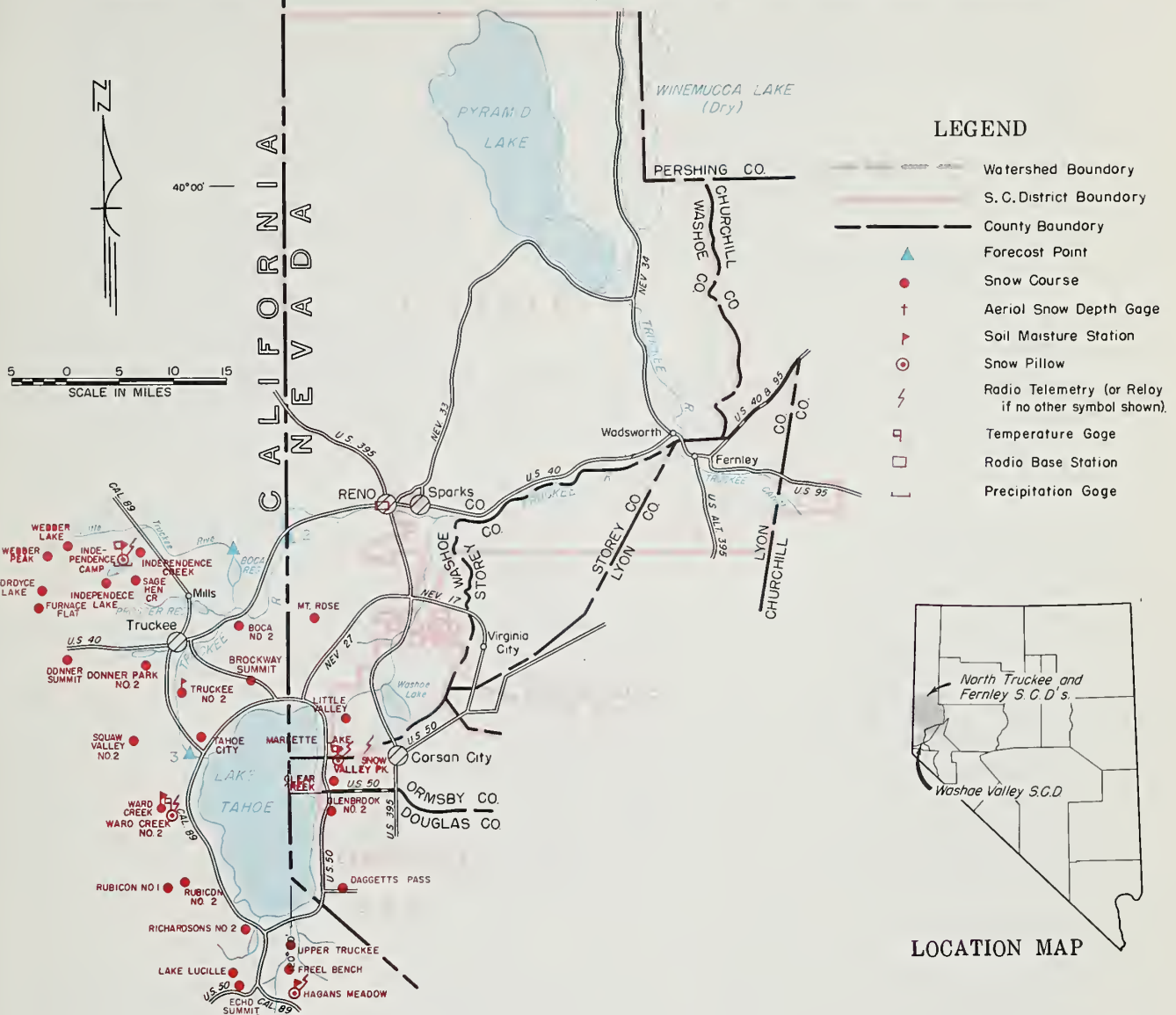
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

NORTH TRUCKEE, FERNLEY & WASHOE VALLEY S.C.D's.
WASHOE, STOREY & LYON COUNTIES, NEVADA



MARCH 1, 1969

THE 1969 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE LAKE TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN IS EXCELLENT. WATER CONTENT OF THE MOUNTAIN SNOW PACK CONTINUED TO INCREASE DURING FEBRUARY. THE MARCH 1 SNOW PACK IS 225 PERCENT OF AVERAGE AND 250 PERCENT OF LAST YEAR. MANY SNOW COURSES IN THE AREA HAVE BROKEN ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS. THE MARCH 1, 1969, SNOW PACK IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE APRIL 1, 1952, PACK.

WATERSHED SOILS ARE WELL PRIMED, AND THE LOWER-ELEVATION AREAS ARE ALSO WET AND BLANKETED WITH SNOW.

THE COMMITTEE FORECAST THE TRUCKEE AT FARAD TO FLOW 573,000 ACRE- FEET, WHICH IS 222 PERCENT OF THE APRIL-JULY AVERAGE. LAKE TAHOE RISE IS FORECAST AT 3.00 FEET FOR THE APRIL-JULY PERIOD.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Lake Tahoe	732	630	610	412
Boca	41	0	4	6
Prosser <u>b/</u>	30	9	9	-

b/ Flood control use allocation
20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 1.

NOTE:

All averages based on 1953-67, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. * 1953-67 adjusted average.

APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST		MEASURED	
	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	
1. Little Truckee River above Boca	175	44	81	
2. Truckee River at Farad, Calif.	573	155	258	
3. Lake Tahoe rise (In feet from April 1, assuming gates closed.)	3.00	0.61	1.39	

Note: Above forecasts prepared by the Truckee Basin Water Committee.

SNOW

March 1, 1969

SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
LAKE TAHOE						
Daggetts Pass	7350	No survey			6.8	8.6
Echo Summit	7500	3/4	187	66.5	21.0	28.7
Freel Bench	7300	Est.	75	28.4	8.4	10.6
Glenbrook #2	6900	No survey			9.2	10.4
Hagans Meadow	8000	Radio report		39.7	11.3	15.7 *
Lake Lucille	8200	2/27	259	95.0	---	---
Little Valley	6300	2/26	71	26.2	5.1	8.8 *
Marlette Lake	8000	3/2	122	45.5	17.2	17.5
Richardsons #2	6500	3/1	105	30.7	13.9	14.9
Rubicon #1	8100	2/27	226	74.8	30.6	38.3
Rubicon #2	7500	2/27	159	53.0	21.1	23.6
Tahoe City	6250	3/2	83	27.9	8.0	10.2
Truckee, Upper	6400	Est.	60	20.0	8.6	8.9 *
Ward Creek	7000	Est.	220	69.5	29.0	34.3
TRUCKEE RIVER						
Boca #2	5900	2/28	60	16.6	4.4	6.1
Brockway Summit	7100	2/26	130	47.7	13.1	---
Donner Park #2	6000	2/27	115	33.0	15.6	15.6
Donner Summit	6900	3/4	190	14.4	26.8	30.8
Fordyce Lake	6500	3/2	172	68.0a	28.0a	30.2 *
Furnace Flat	6600	3/2	192	75.0a	32.0a	35.2 *
Independence Camp	7000	Radio report		45.6	18.6	19.4
Independence Creek	6500	No survey			12.1	12.8
Independence Lake	8450	No survey			30.6	32.3
Sage Hen Creek	6500	Est.	110	37.0	15.2	16.1
Squaw Valley #2	7500	3/2	215	79.5	35.1	41.9 *

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
Hagans Meadow	8000	36	3.65	Est.	3.5	3.2	3.1
Independence Camp	7000	34	6.10	2/01	5.2	5.4	5.6
Marlette Lake	8000	50	3.70	1/30	3.5	2.0	2.7
Ward Creek	7000	49	5.80	2/27	5.8	5.8	5.6

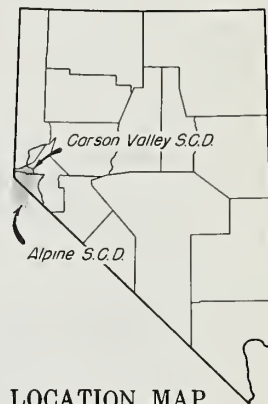
WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

CARSON VALLEY S.C.D., NEVADA
and ALPINE S.C.D., CALIFORNIA



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SCALE IN MILES

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LOCATION MAP

LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- S.C. District Boundary
- County Boundary
- Forecast Point
- Snow Course
- Aerial Snow Depth Gage
- Soil Moisture Station
- Snow Pillow
- Radiotelemetry (or Relay if no other symbol shown)
- Temperature Gage
- Radiotelemetry Base Station
- Precipitation Gage

MARCH 1, 1969

CARSON VALLEY WATER USERS CAN EXPECT AN EXCELLENT WATER SUPPLY THIS YEAR.

THE PATTERN SET DURING JANUARY FOR EXTREMELY HEAVY SNOWFALL PERSISTED THROUGH FEBRUARY. MOUNTAIN SNOW PACK AS OF MARCH 1 IS BETTER THAN 250 PERCENT OF NORMAL. MANY SNOW COURSES IN THE BASIN SET NEW ALL-TIME RECORDS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN THAT APRIL 1 IS CONSIDERED THE DATE OF MAXIMUM SNOW ACCUMULATION.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS FOR THE APRIL-JULY PERIOD INDICATE THAT MOST STREAMS IN THE AREA WILL FLOW ABOUT 250 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. THE EAST CARSON NEAR GARDNERVILLE IS EXPECTED TO FLOW 375,000 ACRE-Feet, WHICH IS 214 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. THE EAST CARSON IS NOT EXPECTED TO FALL BELOW 200 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND BEFORE AUGUST 24, 1969.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Lahontan	286	202	246	191
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APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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SNOW

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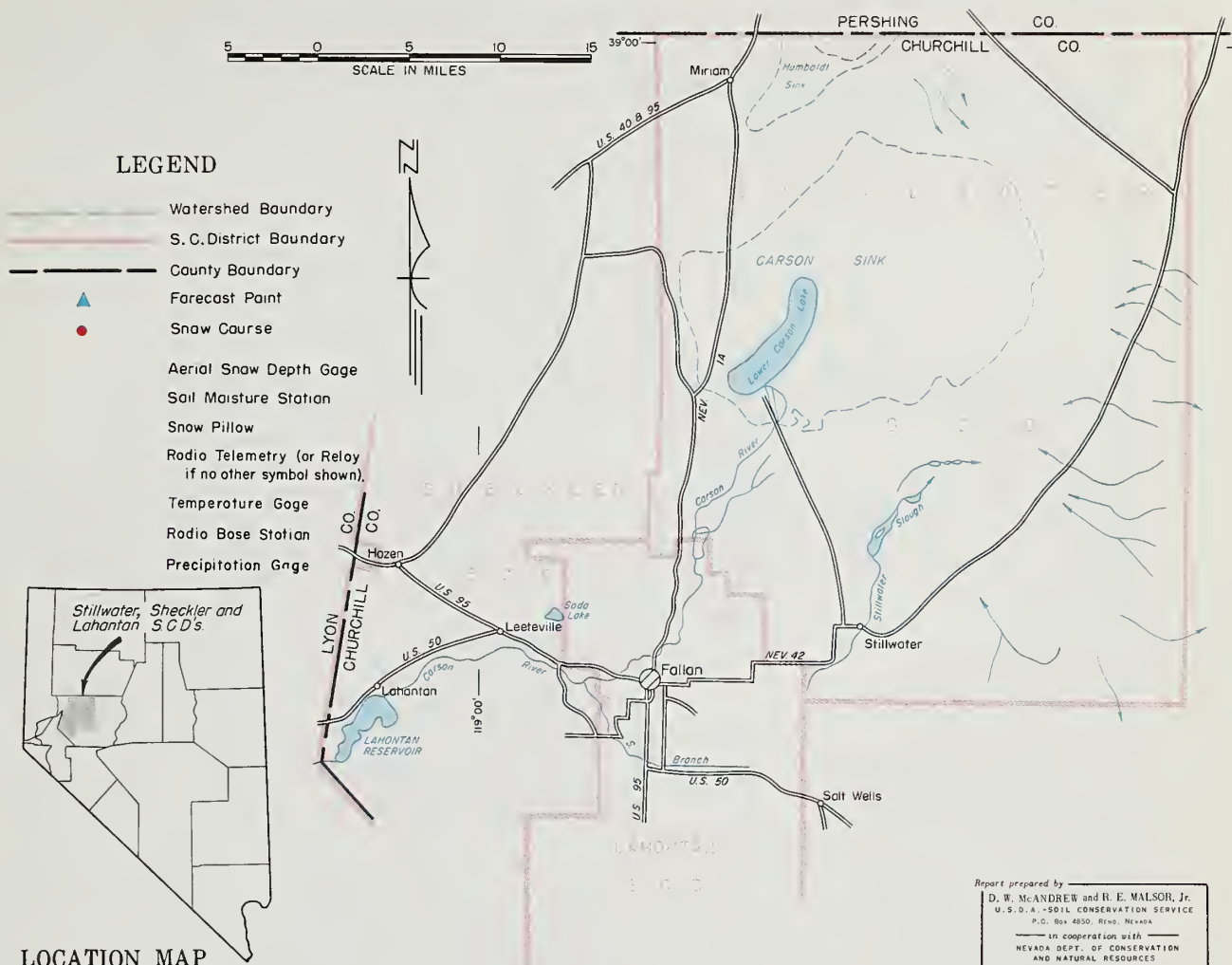
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Sonora Pass	8800	2/28	147	48.8	15.4	19.8
Fish Valley, Upper	8050	2/27	96	34.5a	7.6a	11.7 *
Wet Meadows Lake	8100	2/27	162	59.9a	15.2a	---
Wolf Creek	8000	2/27	156	57.7a	16.6a	---

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
		DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

STILLWATER, SHECKLER, LAHONTAN S.C.D.'s. & VICINITY
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA



MARCH 1, 1969

WATER USERS IN THE FALLON AREA CAN EXPECT EXCELLENT WATER SUPPLIES THIS YEAR.

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THE LAHONTAN RESERVOIR CURRENTLY CONTAINS 202,000 ACRE-FEET, AND RELEASES ARE BEING MADE TO CREATE A CUSHION FOR THE EXPECTED HIGH SUMMER FLOWS ON THE CARSON RIVER.

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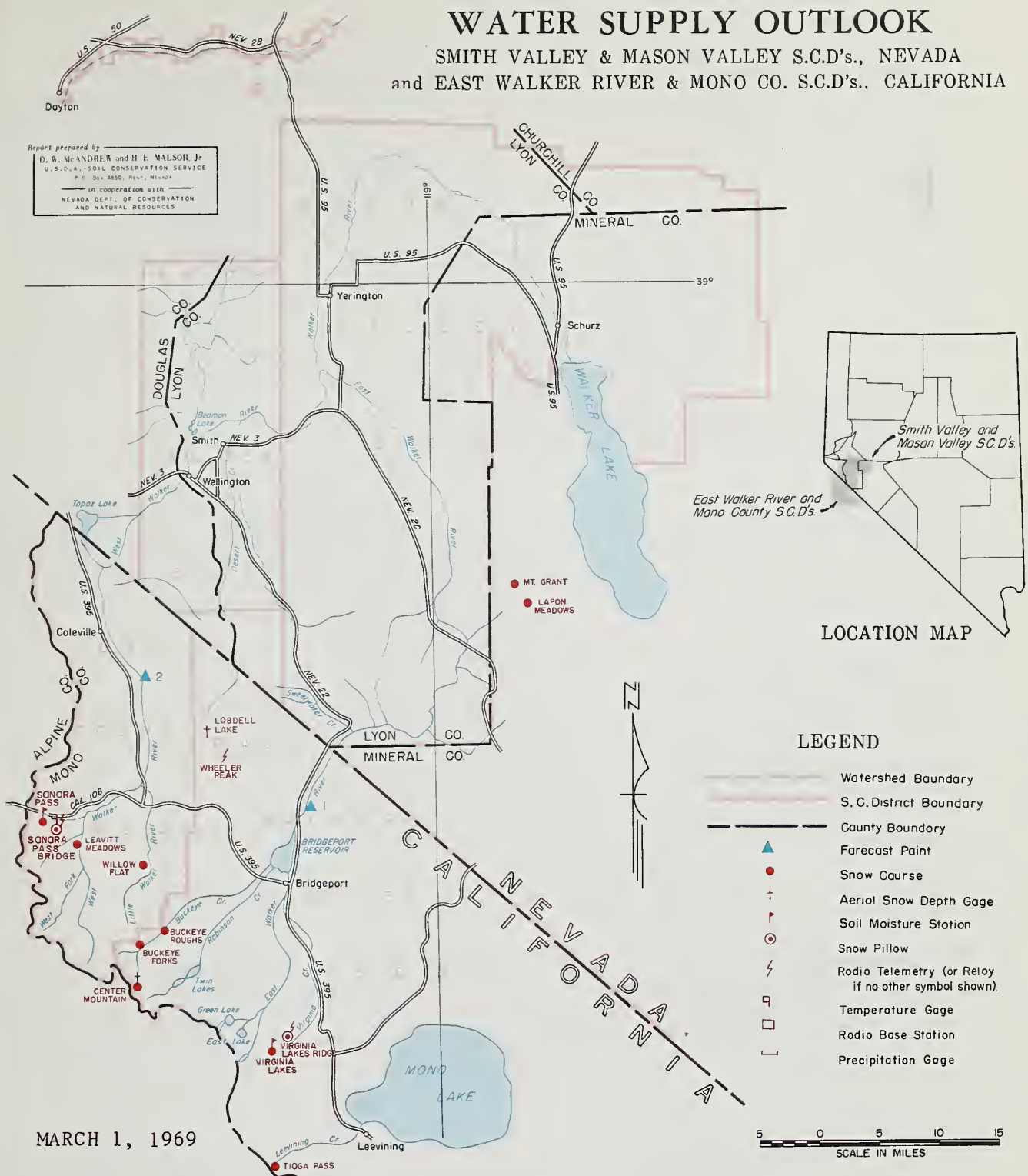
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MARCH 1, 1969

MARCH 1 SNOW SURVEYS INDICATE A RECORD SNOW PACK IN THE WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE. SONORA PASS SNOW COURSE HAD 147 INCHES OF SNOW CONTAINING 48.8 INCHES OF WATER. SINCE 1930, THE MAXIMUM PREVIOUSLY RECORDED WAS 99 INCHES OF SNOW CONTAINING 45.6 INCHES OF WATER, IN APRIL 1952.

WATERSHED SOILS ARE WET, AND ALL INDICATIONS ARE POINTING TOWARD A WATER YEAR SIMILAR TO 1952. FOR EXAMPLE, THE EAST WALKER IS FORECAST TO FLOW 290 PERCENT OF AVERAGE THIS SUMMER. THE LOWER-ELEVATION COURSES INDICATE HIGH FLOWS WILL OCCUR DURING APRIL, WHILE THE HIGH-ELEVATION SNOW PACK WILL MAINTAIN THE SUBSTANTIAL FLOWS WELL INTO AUGUST.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Topaz	59	28	58	39
Bridgeport	42	18	41	31

NOTE:
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APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
1. East Walker near Bridgeport, California **	175	23	60
2. West Walker below E. Fk. near Colville, Calif.	290	96	143

** April-August runoff corrected for change in Bridgeport Reservoir.

SNOW

March 1, 1969

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Center Mountain	9400	2/27	216	79.9a	22.1a	---
Lobdell Lake	9200	2/27	114	41.0a	7.6a	---
Sonora Pass	8800	2/28	147	48.8	15.4	19.8
Virginia Lakes	9500	2/25	126	36.6	7.9	15.4

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
		DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
NAME	ELEVATION						
Sonora Pass	8800	48	8.30	Est.	8.3	7.7	8.3

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

CHURCHILL, CLARK, ESMERALDA, EUREKA, LANDER, LINCOLN, MINERAL and NYE COUNTIES, NEVADA

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SOUTHERN NEVADA'S WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT.

SNOW COVER IN THE MOUNT CHARLESTON AREA IS A PHENOMENAL 643 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. THIS REPRESENTS TWICE THE AMOUNT OF SNOW PACK EVER RECORDED BEFORE. FOR EXAMPLE, KYLE CANYON SNOW COURSE CURRENTLY HAS 139 INCHES OF SNOW CONTAINING 45.7 INCHES OF WATER. THE MAXIMUM EVER MEASURED BEFORE WAS 70 INCHES OF SNOW CONTAINING 26.4 INCHES OF WATER. THE UPPER MEADOW VALLEY WASH AREA SIMILARLY HAS A RECORD SNOW COVER. SNOW IN THE AUSTIN AREA IS CURRENTLY 184 PERCENT OF AVERAGE.

SMALL STREAMS IN THE AREA ARE EXPECTED TO FLOW VERY HIGH THIS SPRING. THE VIRGIN RIVER IS FORECAST AT 124,000 ACRE-FEET FOR THE APRIL-JUNE PERIOD, WHICH IS 326 PERCENT OF AVERAGE.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Mohave	1,810	1,663	1,637	1,697
Mead	27,220	15,464	14,614	16,416

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APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Virgin at Virgin, Utah	124	51	38
April-June forecast by SCS, Salt Lake City, Utah			

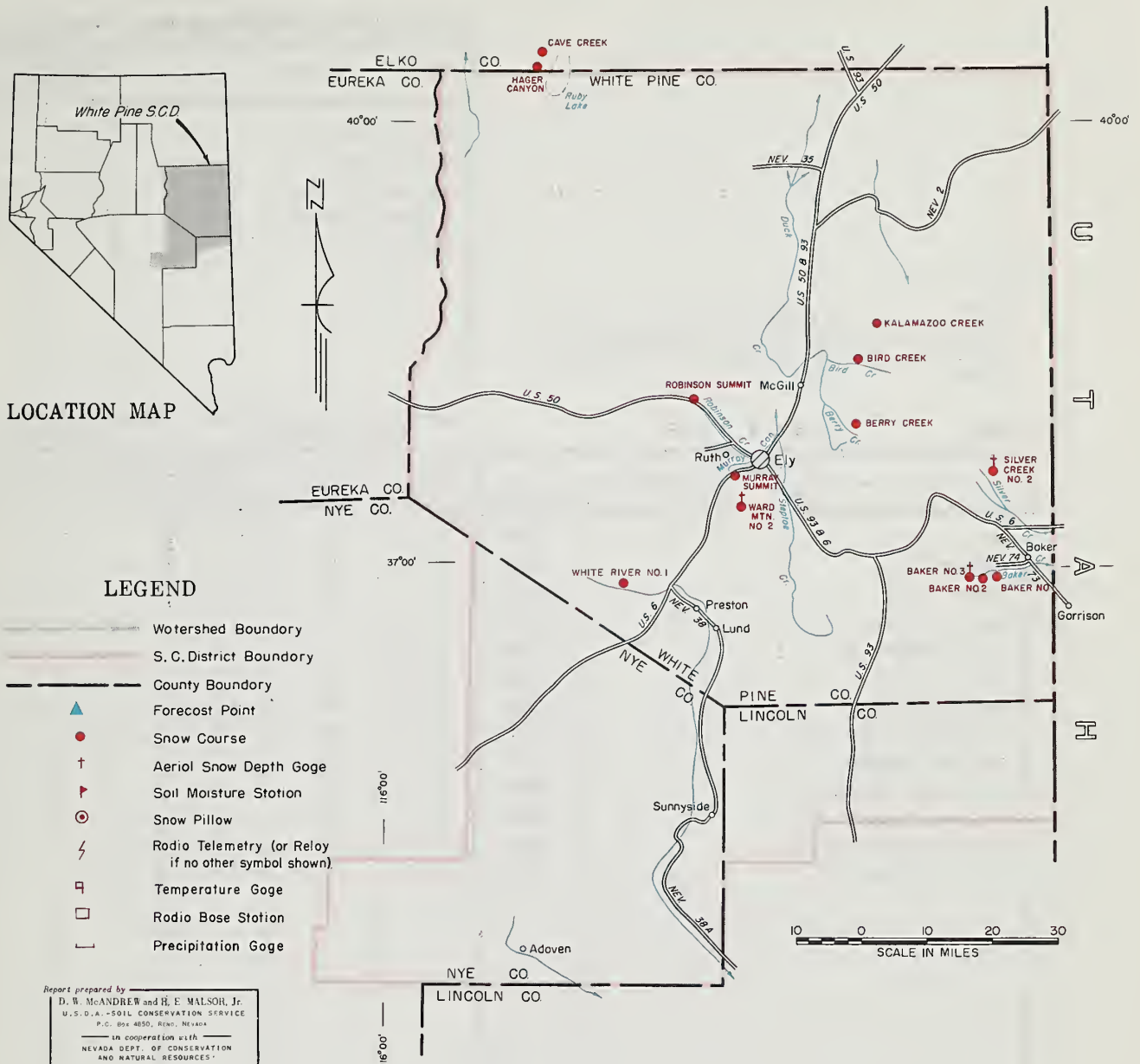
SNOW

March 1, 1969

SNOW		March 1, 1969		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)			
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE		
AUSTIN SCD								
Big Creek Campground	6600	2/27	18	3.4	0.5	1.6		
Big Creek Mine	7600	2/27	26	6.0	2.3	3.5 *		
Upper Big Creek	7800	No Survey			4.0	4.9 *		
TONOPAH SCD								
Lower Corral	7500	No Survey			1.0	1.2		
Upper Corral	8500	No Survey			4.1	4.1 *		
ESMERALDA SCD								
Campito Mountain	10200	3/1	54	17.8	1.7	5.4 *		
Chiatovich Flat	10500	2/27	36	11.2a	1.0a	---		
Montgomery Pass	7100	2/28	31	9.0	0.0	1.0 *		
Pinchot Creek	9300	2/27	19	5.5a	0.0a	5.1 *		
Piute Pass	11700	2/27	54	17.8a	0.0a	6.2 *		
VEGAS VALLEY SCD								
Clark Canyon	9000	Est.	90	30.0	7.5	5.8		
Kyle Canyon	8200	2/28	139	45.7	8.6	7.1		
Lee Canyon #2	9000	Est.	92	30.1	7.4	7.2		
Lee Canyon #3	8400	2/28	88	28.2	8.8	5.3 *		
Rainbow Canyon #2	8100	2/28	137	45.0	13.1	10.9		
Trough Springs	8500	Est.	91	31.5	3.9	4.6		
MEADOW VALLEY SCD								
Mathew Canyon	6200	Est.	34	9.0	0.3	1.2		
Pine Canyon	6000	Est.	37	11.0	1.2	1.4		

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

WHITE PINE S.C.D., WHITE PINE, LINCOLN & NYE COUNTIES, NEVADA



MARCH 1, 1969

WHITE PINE, LINCOLN, AND NYE COUNTIES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A VERY GOOD WATER SUPPLY THIS YEAR. MARCH 1 SNOW SURVEYS INDICATE THAT THIS YEAR'S SNOW PACK IS CURRENTLY 180 PERCENT OF AVERAGE.

SNOW COURSES THAT INDICATE THE WATER SUPPLY POTENTIAL FOR THE RUBY WILDLIFE REFUGE ARE CURRENTLY ABOVE 150 PERCENT OF NORMAL.

WITH THE EXCELLENT SNOW COVER IN THE AREA, SMALL STREAMS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE VERY GOOD EARLY SEASON FLOWS. WATER SUPPLIES SHOULD REMAIN EXCELLENT WELL INTO THE SUMMER SEASON.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed "Poor,Avg,Good "

STREAM	FLOW PERIOD	
	April May	June Thru Sept.
Baker Creek	Good	Good
Duck Creek	Good	Good
Lehman Creek	Good	Good
Silver Creek	Good	Good
White River	Good	Good

NOTE:

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SNOW

March 1, 1969

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Baker #1	7950	2/27	63	14.5	7.2	5.1
Baker #2	8950	2/27	92	23.1	11.8	11.9
Baker #3	9250	3/1	84	21.8a	11.9a	13.6
Berry Creek	9100	2/28	77	21.1	10.0	11.1
Bird Creek	7500	2/28	27	5.7	3.0	3.5
Cave Creek	7500	2/27	61	20.5	5.3	11.9
Hager Canyon	8000	2/27	71	22.8	11.0	16.4
Kalamazoo Creek	7400	3/4	46	10.0	6.0	6.0 *
Murray Summit	7250	3/3	46	12.0	T	2.5
Robinson Summit	7600	3/4	25	7.0	T	2.1
Silver Creek #2	8000	3/1	40	10.4a	6.1a	4.8 *
Ward Mountain #2	8900	3/1	36	9.4a	5.4a	8.2 *
White River #1	7400	3/3	50	13.0	0.0	2.3 *

LEGEND

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK CLOVER & RUBY S.C.D's., ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA

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THE 1969 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR CLOVER AND RUBY SCD'S IS EXCELLENT.

THE MOUNTAIN SNOW PACK IS 140 PERCENT OF NORMAL FOR THIS DATE. SNOW COURSES IN THE RUBY LAKE AREA ARE INDICATING 150 PERCENT OF AVERAGE SNOW PACK.

MOUNTAIN SOILS ARE WET AND THE VALLEY SOILS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION, WITH SOME SNOW COVER. THESE FACTORS SHOULD GIVE THE RANGE LAND GRASSES A GOOD START THIS YEAR.

STREAMFLOW IN THE AREA IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY WITH THE MELT OF THE LOW-ELEVATION SNOW AND REMAIN ABOVE AVERAGE WELL INTO THE SUMMER MONTHS.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed "Poor,Avg,Good "

STREAM	FLOW PERIOD	
	April May	June Thru Sept.
Franklin River	Good	Good

NOTE:

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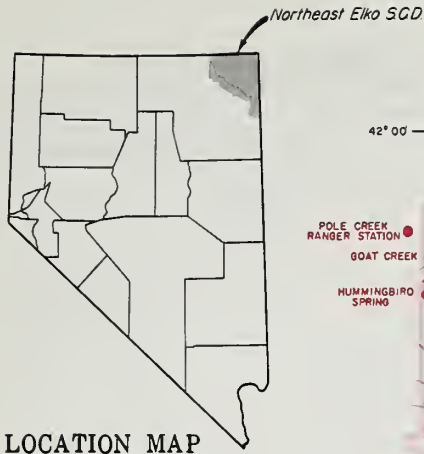
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SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
American Beauty	7800	2/27	48	15.4a	3.3a	
Cave Creek	7500	2/27	61	20.5	4.8	11.9
Corral Canyon	8500	3/05	73	22.0	7.7a	13.8 *
Dorsey Basin	8100	No survey			6.3	9.5
Dry Creek	6500	No survey			0.0	3.8
Green Mountain	8000	3/03	65	18.5	6.7	10.6 *
Hager Canyon	8000	2/27	71	22.8	10.6	16.4
Harrison Pass #1	6600	No survey			0.0	3.8
Harrison Pass #2	7400	No survey			0.0	5.1
Hole-in-Mountain	7900	3/01	64	22.2	10.5	17.5 *
Lamoille #1	7100	2/25	53	15.0	3.6	8.3
Lamoille #2	7300	2/25	48	14.9	3.7	7.7
Lamoille #3	7700	2/24	52	16.6	7.2	10.0
Lamoille #4	8000	2/24	56	16.3	10.5	15.0
Lamoille #5	8700	2/24	84	26.6	17.8	21.8
Pole Canyon	9140	2/27	36	11.2a	11.6a	
Ryan Ranch	5800	No survey			0.0	1.6
Trout Creek, Lower	6900	No survey			T	2.7 *
Trout Creek, Upper	8500	2/27	48	15.4	4.2a	14.0 *
Robinson Lake	9200	2/27	94	32.0a	15.6a	

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

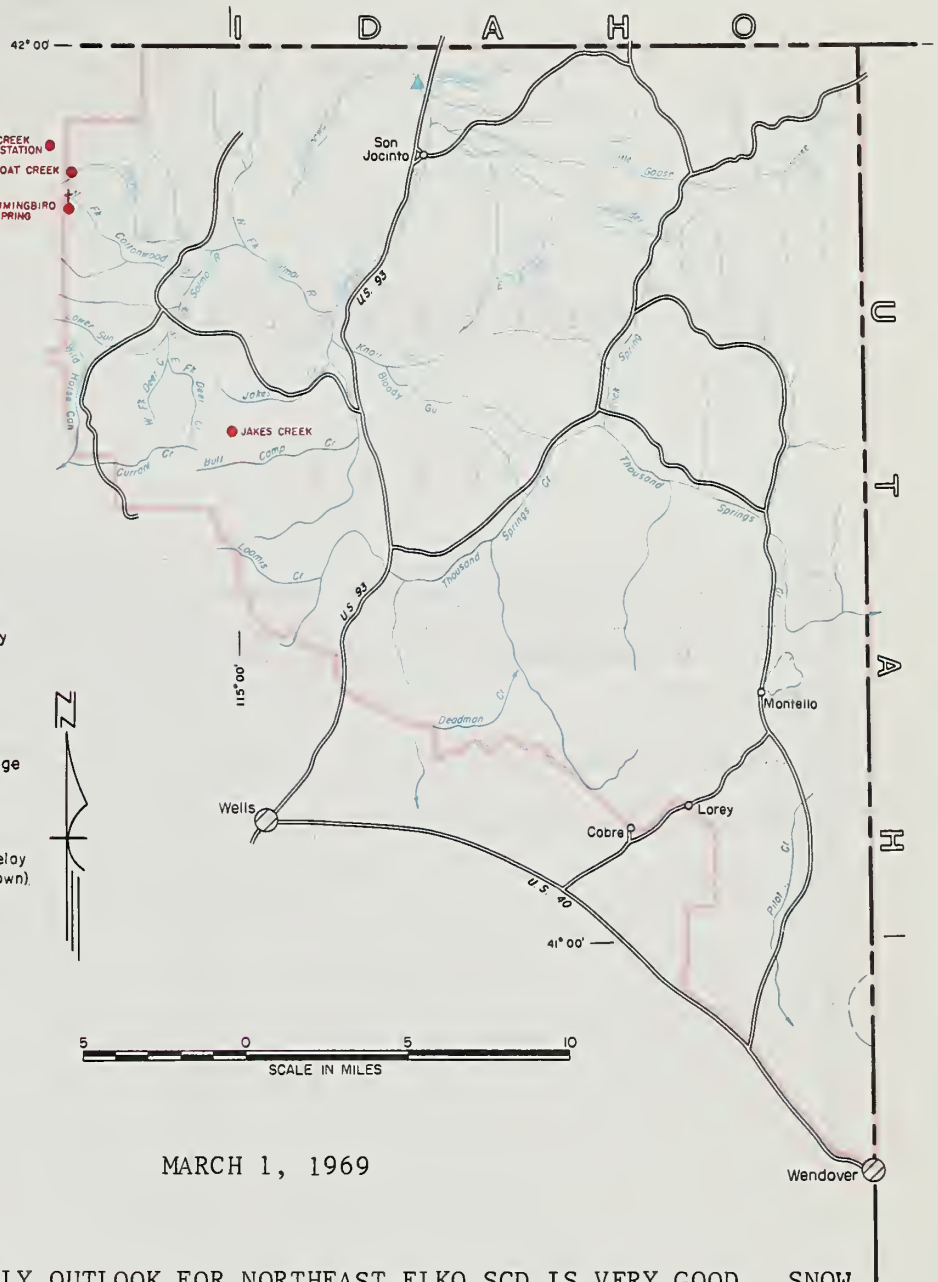
NORTHEAST ELKO S.C.D., ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA



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THE 1969 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NORTHEAST ELKO SCD IS VERY GOOD. SNOW SURVEYS TAKEN NEAR THE FIRST OF MARCH INDICATE THAT THE SNOW COVER IS ABOUT 140 PERCENT OF THE 1953-67 AVERAGE FOR MARCH. THE CURRENT SNOW PACK REPRESENTS ABOUT 180 PERCENT OF THE SNOW COVER ON THE GROUND LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME.

THE GOOD LOW-ELEVATION SNOW WILL INSURE ABOVE-NORMAL EARLY-SEASON FLOWS ON TRIBUTARY STREAMS THIS YEAR.

SALMON FALLS CREEK IS FORECAST TO FLOW 105,000 ACRE-Feet FOR THE MARCH-JULY PERIOD; THIS AMOUNT REPRESENT 158 PERCENT OF THE QUANTITY NORMALLY EXPECTED.

APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Salmon Falls Creek near San Jacinto			
March-July	105	158	67

NOTE:

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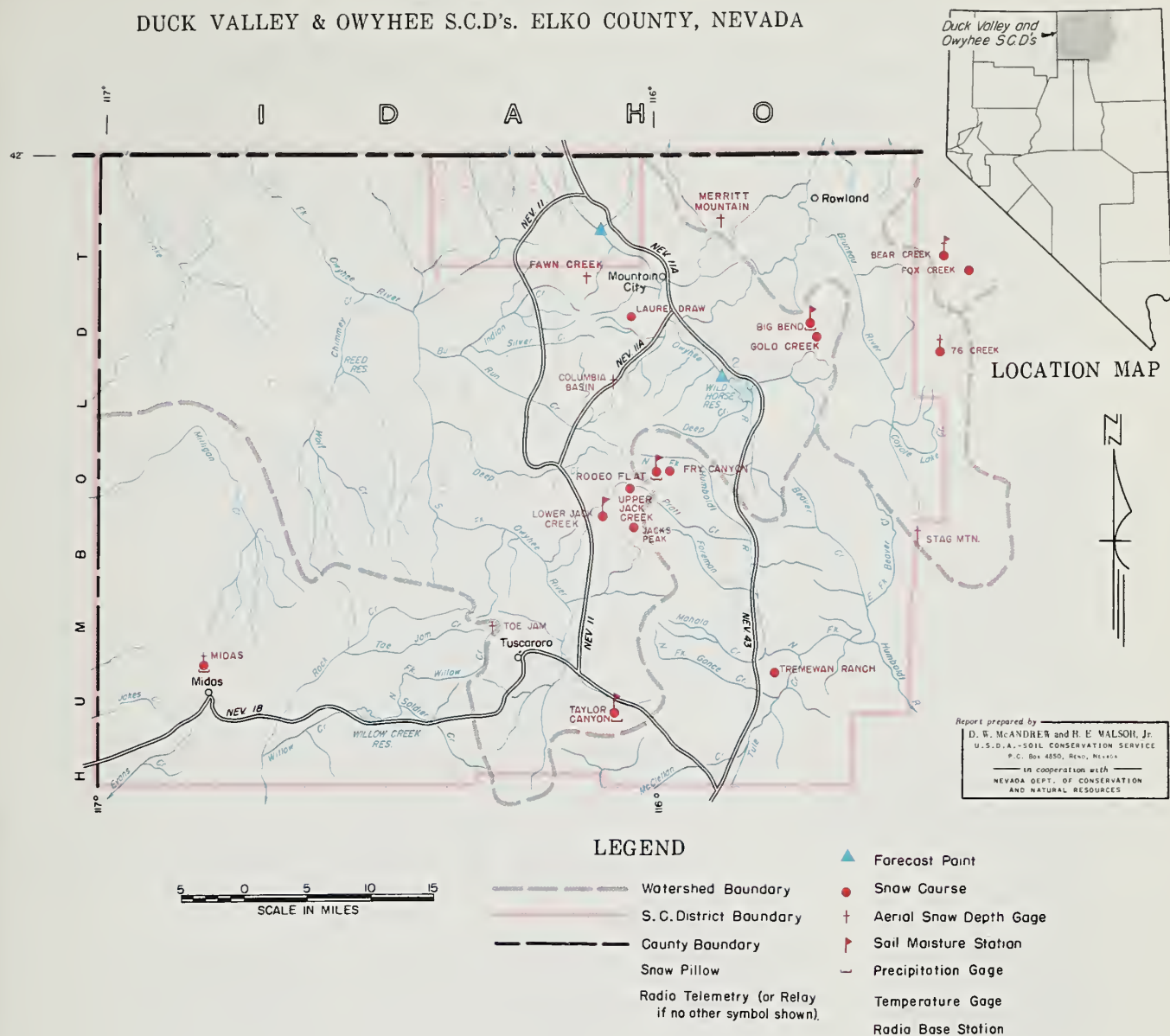
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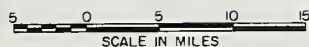
SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
					LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
NAME	ELEVATION					
Goat Creek	8800	2/28	68	21.0	11.8	14.9 *
Hummingbird Springs	8945	2/28	87	26.5	13.4	17.5 *
Pole-Creek Ranger Station	8330	2/28	62	19.6	12.2	15.3 *
Red Point	7940	2/28	21	6.3a	7.0a	9.5 *

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

DUCK VALLEY & OWYHEE S.C.D's. ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA



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DUCK VALLEY AND OWYHEE SCD'S ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE EXCELLENT WATER SUPPLIES THIS YEAR. THE SNOW PACK IS AVERAGING ABOUT 190 PERCENT OF THE QUANTITY USUALLY EXPERIENCED BY THE FIRST OF MARCH.

WATERSHED SOILS ARE WELL PRIMED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. VALLEY AND LOWER-ELEVATION SOILS ARE ALSO WET AND COVERED WITH A BLANKET OF SNOW.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ON THE OWYHEE RIVER INDICATE BETTER THAN TWICE THE AVERAGE FLOW IS EXPECTED THIS SEASON. SMALL STREAMS IN THE AREA ALSO WILL FLOW VERY HEAVY THIS SEASON.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Wild Horse	b	2	6	15
b Reservoir under construction; usable capacity held to 17,000 acre-feet.				
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APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
1. Owyhee River near Owyhee **	124	14	60
2. Owyhee River near Gold Creek **	32	2	16
** Corrected for change in storage in Wild Horse Reservoir.			

SNOW

March 1, 1969

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Bear Creek	7800	2/28	75	26.2	13.2	15.3 *
Big Bend	6700	2/24	40	11.6	2.9	6.9
Columbia Basin	6650	2/27	48	15.4a	0.0a	---
Fawn Creek	7000	2/27	36	10.8a	T a	---
Fox Creek	6800	2/28	49	14.4	5.8	7.9
Fry Canyon	6700	No survey			0.0	6.0
Gold Creek	6600	2/24	24	6.7	0.0	4.7
Jack Creek, Upper	7250	2/27	36	11.2a	2.2a	8.0
Laurel Draw	6700	2/26	40	11.0	2.2	6.2 *
Merritt Mountain	7800	2/27	36	11.2a	---	---
Midas	7200	2/27	36	11.2a	T a	2.5 *
Rodeo Flat	6800	No survey			0.0	5.5
76 Creek	7100	2/28	50	16.6	7.0	9.1 *
Stag Mountain	7700	2/27	36	11.2a	2.9a	---
Taylor Canyon	6200	2/28	38	10.3	0.0	4.2
Toe Jam	7700	2/27	60	19.8a	5.0a	---
Tremewan Ranch	5700	2/28	18	4.4	0.0	1.1

SOIL MOISTURE

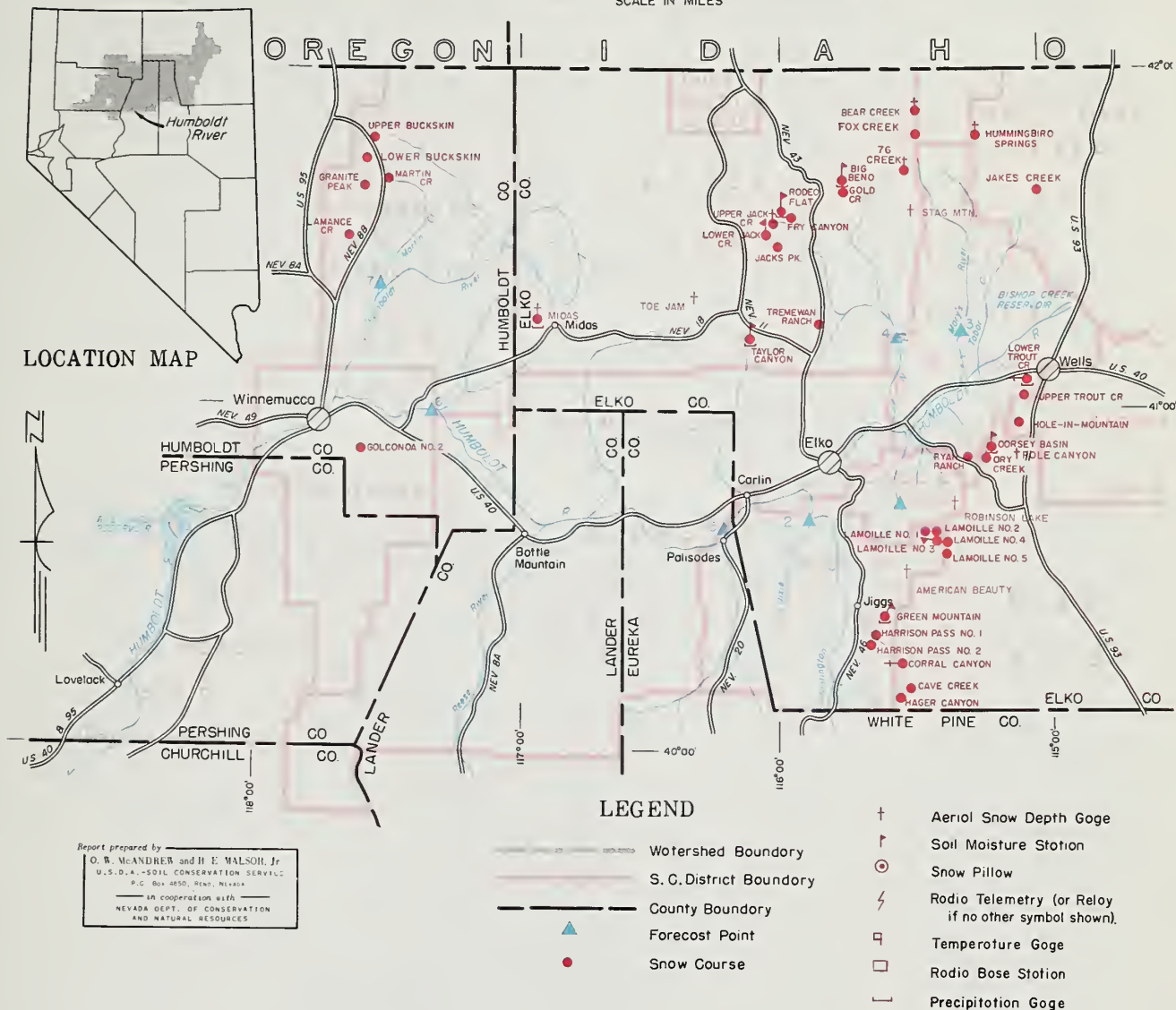
STATION		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
		DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
NAME	ELEVATION						
Bear Creek	7800	72	16.9	2/28	11.9	---	8.7
Big Bend	6700	48	16.7	1/28	16.2	15.5	15.1
Rodeo Flat	6800	42	11.0	1/29	11.0	10.9	10.5
Taylor Canyon	6200	48	15.1	1/28	13.0	14.6	12.2

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

HUMBOLDT RIVER

CHURCHILL, ELKO, EUREKA, HUMBOLDT, LANDER & PERSHING COUNTIES, NEVADA

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SCALE IN MILES



MARCH 1, 1969

THE 1969 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE LOVELOCK VALLEY IS EXCELLENT. WATER CONTENT OF THE SNOW PACK FOR THE ENTIRE HUMBOLDT BASIN IS 166 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. MANY COURSES NORTH OF WINNEMUCCA ARE NEAR, OR AT, A RECORD DEPTH FOR THIS DATE.

WATERSHED SOILS UNDER THE MOUNTAIN SNOW PACK ARE WELL PRIMED. VALLEY SOILS ARE ALSO REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE AND, IN SOME CASES, COVERED WITH A BLANKET OF SNOW. WHERE THE SNOW HAS ACCUMULATED TO DEPTHS OF A FOOT OR SO, SEVERAL DAYS OF WARM WEATHER CAN CREATE LOCAL HIGH WATER IN POOR DRAINAGE AREAS AT ANY TIME DURING MARCH OR APRIL.

STREAMFLOW FOR THE APRIL-JULY PERIOD IS FORECAST TO BE ABOUT TWICE NORMAL. SPECIFICALLY, THE HUMBOLDT RIVER AT PALISADE IS FORECAST TO FLOW 320,000 ACRE-Feet, WHICH IS 211 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. WATER USERS ON NATURAL STREAMFLOW ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ABUNDANT SUPPLIES FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER 1969 SEASON.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Rye Patch	179	42	60	74
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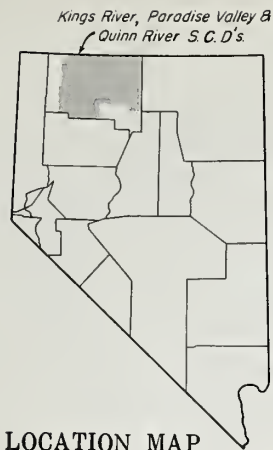
APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
1. Lamoille Creek near Lamoille	35	27	25
2. S. Fk. Humboldt River near Elko	115	41	58
3. Marys River above Hot Springs Creek	52	13	28
4. No. Fk. Humboldt at Devils Gate	50	4	26
5. Humboldt River at Palisade	320	81	154
6. Humboldt River at Comus	230	54	110
7. Martin Creek near Paradise Valley	32	5	14

SNOW

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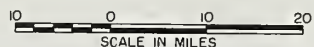
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NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Big Bend	6700	2/24	40	11.6	2.9	6.9
Fawn Creek	7000	2/27	36	10.8a	T a	--
Fry Canyon	6700		No survey		0.0	6.0
Gold Creek	6600	2/24	24	6.7	0.0	4.7
Rodeo Flat	6800		No survey		0.0	5.5
76 Creek	7100	2/28	50	16.6	7.0	9.1
Stag Mountain	7700	2/27	36	11.2a	2.9a	--
Taylor Canyon	6200	2/28	38	10.3	0.0	4.2
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Dorsey Basin	8100		No survey		6.3	9.5
Dry Creek	6500		No survey		0.0	3.8
Green Mountain	8000	3/03	65	18.5	6.7	10.6 *
Hager Canyon	8000	2/27	71	22.8	11.0	16.4
Harrison Pass #1	6600		No survey		0.0	3.8
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Lamoille #3	7700	2/24	52	16.6	7.2	10.0
Lamoille #4	8000	2/24	56	16.3	10.5	15.0
Lamoille #5	8700	2/24	84	26.6	17.8	21.8
Pole Canyon	9140	2/27	36	11.2a	11.6a	--
Robinson Lake	9200	2/27	94	32.0a	15.6a	--
Ryan Ranch	5800		No survey		0.0	1.6
Tent Mountain #1	8500	2/29	66	21.1a	9.8a	---
Tent Mountain #2	7200		No survey		0.0a	---
Trout Creek, Lower	6900		No survey		T	2.7 *
Trout Creek, Upper	8500	2/27	96	30.8a	4.2	14.0 *
Golconda #2	6000	2/27	38	11.0	T	3.6 *
Midas	7200	2/27	36	11.2a	T	2.5 *



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

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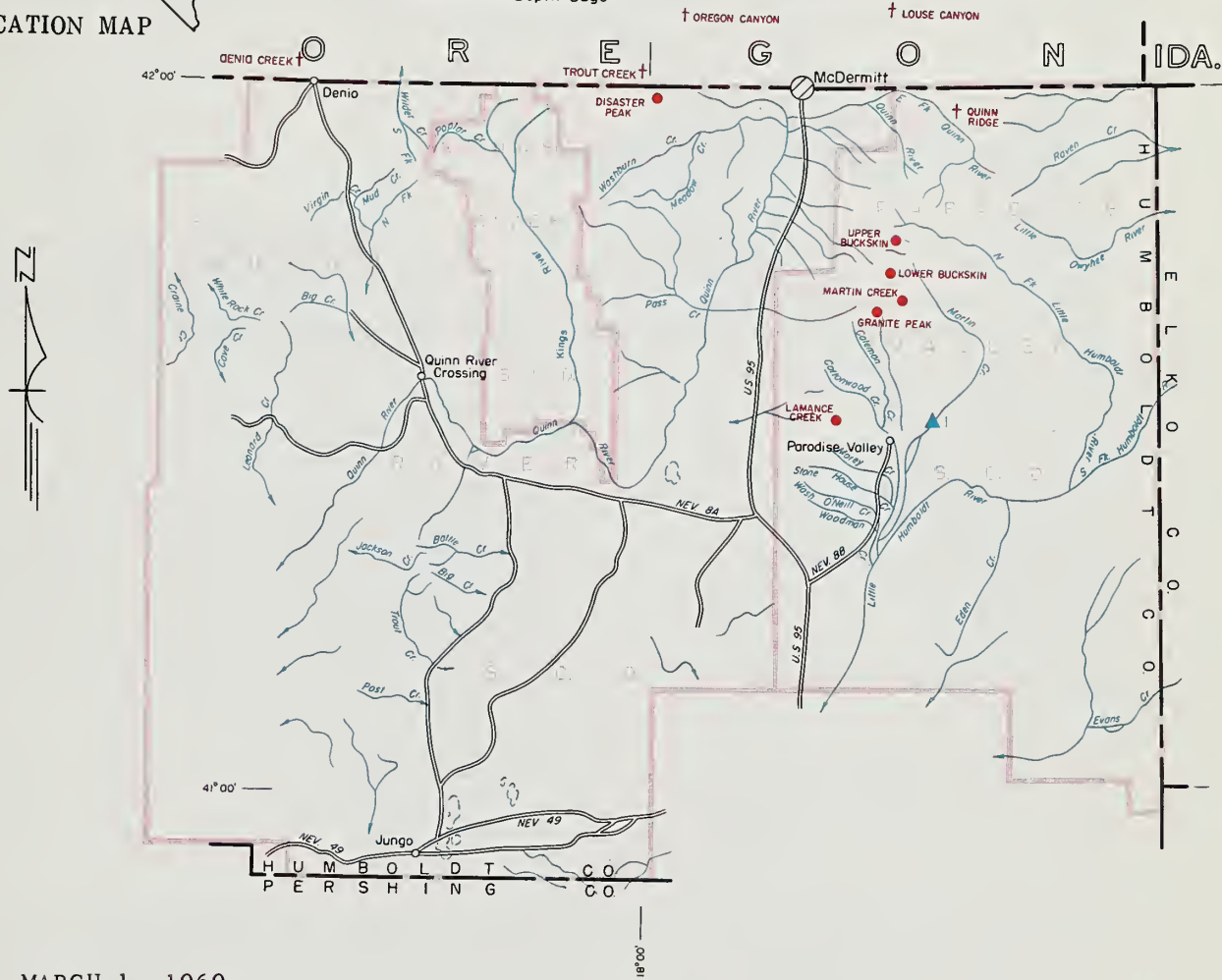


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MARCH 1, 1969

THE WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR PARADISE VALLEY AND THE MC DERMITT AREA IS EXCELLENT. THE MARCH 1 SNOW COVER IS 222 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR THIS DATE. THIS YEAR'S SNOW PACK REPRESENTS 405 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED LAST YEAR IN THIS AREA. MANY SNOW COURSES ARE NEAR THE ALL-TIME RECORD SET IN APRIL OF 1952. MORE SNOW WAS MEASURED AT GRANITE PEAK SNOW COURSE THAN ANY TIME SINCE 1932.

MARTIN CREEK IS FORECAST TO FLOW 32,000 ACRE-FEET, OR 228 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR THE APRIL-JULY PERIOD. OTHER STREAMS IN THE AREA ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE HIGH EARLY FLOWS WHICH WILL REMAIN WELL ABOVE AVERAGE INTO THE SUMMER MONTHS.

STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Rye Patch	179	42	60	74
NOTE: All averages based on 1953-67, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. * 1953-67 adjusted average.				

APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
1. Martin Creek near Paradise Valley	32	5	14
2. Humboldt River at Palisade	320	81	154
3. Humboldt River at Comus	230	54	110

SNOW

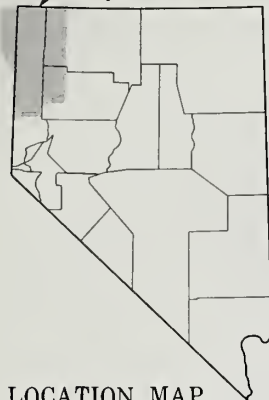
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SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Buckskin, Lower	6700	2/25	45	13.5	3.0	6.7
Buckskin, Upper	7200	2/25	36	12.1	4.4	7.2 *
Disaster Peak	6500	3/1	70	29.0	3.4	12.6
Denio Creek	6000	2/27	9	2.9	0.0a	0.5 *
Granite Peak	7800	3/3	64	24.3	11.0	10.7
Lamance Creek	6000	3/3	48	17.9	2.0	7.5
Louse Canyon (Oregon)	6440	2/27	30	8.7a	0.0a	3.1 *
Martin Creek	6700	2/24	61	19.8	5.2	7.8
Quinn Ridge	6300	2/27	14	4.2a	0.0a	2.3 *
Trout Creek (Oregon)	7800	2/27	38	12.5a	9.3a	6.3
Oregon Canyon (Oregon)	7240	2/27	37	10.7a	T	5.2

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

VYA & GERLACH S.C.D'S., NEVADA and SURPRISE VALLEY S.C.D., CALIFORNIA

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Valley S.C.D's.



LOCATION MAP

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THE 1969 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT FOR THE SURPRISE VALLEY AREA. MARCH 1 SNOW SURVEYS INDICATE THE SNOW COVER ON THE SURPRISE VALLEY STREAMS IS 191 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR THIS DATE. THIS REPRESENTS ALMOST 300 PERCENT OF THE SNOW COVER IN THE AREA LAST YEAR. CEDAR PASS SNOW COURSE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE OLDEST COURSES IN THE AREA, CURRENTLY HAS 66 INCHES OF SNOW CONTAINING 21.0 INCHES OF WATER. THIS AMOUNT HAS BEEN EXCEEDED ONLY TWICE ON THE MARCH 1 SNOW SURVEYS SINCE 1945.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS FOR THE APRIL THROUGH JULY PERIOD RANGE FROM 140 PERCENT OF AVERAGE, OR 6,600 ACRE-FEET, ON MILL CREEK TO 165 PERCENT OF THE 15-YEAR NORMAL, WHICH IS 19,000 ACRE-FEET, ON BIDWELL CREEK.

SIMILARLY, DEEP CREEK IS EXPECTED TO FLOW 5,000 ACRE-FEET AND EAGLE CREEK WILL FLOW 6,900 ACRE-FEET FOR THE APRIL THROUGH JULY PERIOD.

APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED	
		LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Bidwell Creek near Fort Bidwell	19.0	4.0	11.5
Mill Creek above all diversions	6.6	1.9	4.7
Deep Creek above all diversions	5.0	1.1	3.3
Eagle Creek near mouth of canyon	6.9	2.4	4.3

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		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
					LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
NAME	ELEVATION					
Bald Mountain	6720	2/28	28	8.4	1.0	3.1
Barber Creek (Calif.)	6500	2/26	54	17.9	8.2	9.4 *
Cedar Pass (Calif.)	7100	2/27	66	21.0	10.6	12.2
Dismal Swamp (Oregon)	7000	2/26	60	19.8a	10.5	13.4 *
49 Mountain	6000	2/25	31	8.8	1.1	3.9 *
Hays Canyon	6400	2/26	31	9.7	1.4	3.4 *
Little Bally Mountain	6000	2/26	22	6.6a	0.0	2.1 *
Reservation Creek (Calif.)	5900	2/25	48	16.1	4.4	9.2 *

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